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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 31 of the Second Extraordinary Session
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jason Alan Carson of
Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Jason Alan Carson; and

WHEREAS, Jason was born to Gale Jones Carson and Walter G. Carson, Jr. on June 24, 1982, in Memphis; tragically he lost his life in an auto accident near Brownsville on October 2, 1999; and

WHEREAS, he attended Campus School (University of Memphis) from kindergarten through the sixth grade, Snowden during his seventh grade year, East during his eighth and ninth grades, and Central High School during his tenth grade year; and

WHEREAS, a student leader who was widely respected and admired by students and teachers alike, Jason served with distinction on the East Student Council, was selected to serve on The Memphis Commercial Appeal's Teen Panel, and was active in the Youth Activities of the Annual Legislative Retreat; and

WHEREAS, he returned earlier this year to East High School with plans to graduate a year ahead of schedule and to enroll with his brother, Bryan, at the University of Tennessee at Martin, even giving up his job at the Shelby County Health Department to attend summer school; and

WHEREAS, his desire to attend college with Bryan epitomized Jason and the love he felt for those close to him; together they shared a brotherly bond that made them inseparable; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Jason worked at the Memphis Police Department's North Precinct office under the Mayor's Summer Youth Program, where he gained valuable work experience; and

WHEREAS, Jason Carson was an active and devout member of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, which he served faithfully for many years and was actively involved in youth activities; and

WHEREAS, Jason was also deeply devoted to his family, including his mother and father; his brother, Bryan; his half-brother, Antonio; his step-brother, Steve; and his stepmother, grandparents and great-grandfather; he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he will also be deeply missed by our own State Representative Larry Miller, who served as a role model and mentor to Jason for more than half of his young life; and

WHEREAS, Jason leaves behind an indelible legacy of compassion and loyalty to others, having served with dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the life of this exceptional young man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Jason Alan Carson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Jason Carson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.